

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2006:

Present

Vote

Walter C. Zaremba, Chairman
Kenneth L. Bowman, Vice Chairman
Sheila S. Noll
James S. Burgett
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE LINDSEY
CARVER ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2006 YORK COUNTY OUT-
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Carver has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Community Service; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Carver has demonstrated a genuine desire and commitment to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey's numerous service-oriented extracurricular activities include her current position as Secretary of the York High School Key Club through which she has assisted the Christine Garvey Memorial Soccer Tournament in its efforts to raise funds for breast cancer education and research; her membership in the Spanish Honor Society where she has tutored other high school Spanish students; and her participation in the "Read Across America Program," where she has read to Kindergarten and Second Grade students at Seaford and Yorktown Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey served as a summertime volunteer interpreter for the National Park Service's "Poor Potter" site, and she served the congregation at Grace Episcopal Church as an usher, lay reader, and youth care worker; and

WHEREAS, for the past six years Lindsey has been a very active member of The Fifes and Drums of York Town, an all-volunteer organization of young people dedicated to providing entertainment, patriotic inspiration, and cultural and historical enrichment to thousands of County residents and other spectators each year in Yorktown as well as in other locations including Richmond, Washington D.C., New York City, and at the largest annual Fife and Drum Muster in the world at Deep River, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey's hard work and dedication to the Corps and its mission has earned her the prestigious leadership position of Fife Sergeant, a position in which she leads younger members and peers by example, having participated in an unprecedented total of 84 public performances during the 2005 season, totaling 249 hours of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey has had the highest volunteer performance attendance of all Corps' members for the past two years, and frequently addresses audiences, instructing thousands of spectators about the history of the Corps' uniforms, music, and instruments as well as informing them about Yorktown's vital role in our country's founding; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey also trains the group's younger members, providing fife instruction to new recruits and teaching traditional marching, drill, and music to the members of the Junior Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Park Service's Supervisor of Interpretative Services cites Lindsey's conscientiousness and pleasant attitude, while her Church Youth Leader appreciates her "positive presence" serving and welcoming congregants as an usher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walt Akers, Lindsey's nominator and Fife and Drum President, lauds her demonstration of "skill, leadership, and determination," and "her tireless efforts" on behalf of the Corps; and

WHEREAS, Fife Instructor Ms. Teresa Haskin affirms that Lindsey exhibits "steadfast dependability, never giving less than 110 percent with anything she takes on," and describes her as, "quiet and unassuming, yet willing to step forward and lead when called upon;" and

WHEREAS, Lindsey's community service stems from her caring heart, and she is further characterized by Ms. Haskin as being "very giving, a gentle spirit;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this _____ day of _____, 2006, that Lindsey Carver be, and she is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Community Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lindsey be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Community Service, that she be extended the admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for her exemplary service in representing York County to thousands of people each year, and that the Board's best wishes go with her for a continued life of freely giving her time and talents to others.

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On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE ERIC OL-
SON ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2006 YORK COUNTY OUT-
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COMPASSION

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Eric Olson was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Compassion; and

WHEREAS, Eric Olson epitomizes the meaning of compassion, and is highly regarded for his sensitivity in relating to the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Eric has a busy schedule as a senior at York High School, taking advanced courses and working as an editor for the newspaper the past two years; yet in spite of his demands at school, he always makes time for others, and is widely respected in his community where he is a caring and compassionate neighbor in the truest sense, helping many of his neighbors following Hurricane Isabel, removing trees from roofs, checking on generators, and cleaning yard debris; and

WHEREAS, Eric is always ready to assist neighbors who are widowed, and is also beloved by the neighborhood children for spending time with them shooting hoops, teaching multiplication tables, or playing computer games; and

WHEREAS, Eric's heart for others is most clearly seen in his active participation and leadership in the Newport News Special Olympics Program for the past three years, where he serves as a coach, providing people with mental challenges the opportunity to train and compete in sports, and is currently the only volunteer coaching three different seasons as he leads teams in soccer, baseball, and basketball, the latter including his directing the entire program by himself; and

WHEREAS, Eric's commitment to his athletes is clearly evidenced by the devotion of his time for approximately 40 Saturdays a year and averaging approximately 10 hours a week in preparing for and conducting practices, attending and chaperoning local and overnight tournaments, and making time to attend games for other teams to lend support to his fellow coaches and to cheer for their players; and

WHEREAS, during the past three years Eric has mentored dozens of athletes, teaching them basic skills, making sure all get a chance to play, encouraging them after losses and building team spirit, and recently leading his soccer and basketball teams to respective Silver and Bronze place finishes in State competition; and

WHEREAS, last summer Eric attended the College of William and Mary's intensive four-day Sports Medicine Workshop where classes included recognition of sports injuries and injury prevention, athletic taping, emergency care, and CPR Certification, while he also completed a course this school year in American Sign Language at Thomas Nelson Community College to help him more effectively communicate with some of his team members; and

WHEREAS, adults privileged to know and work alongside this giving young man attest to the impact he has had on the athletes he serves, describing him as an exceptional human being, specially gifted and dedicated to these individuals so deserving of the opportunity to pursue their dreams, realize their potential, and enjoy the physical activity, teamwork, and competition that are offered through sports; and

WHEREAS, Eric was honored to have two teachers nominate him this year, describing him as "a mature, intelligent, caring person," with one noting she was "awed by his ability to form a rapport with the athletes and coaches" and after his first practice become "a part of the Special Olympics family;" and

WHEREAS, another adult leader of the Special Olympics Program stated that, "it is really rare to find someone, especially his age, who has the right touch with the athletes," and that Eric "understands their need for consistency and structure," and has "totally dedicated himself" to being there for them every week; and

WHEREAS, another of Eric's teachers was so moved by his service that she began assisting the program herself, stating her life has been changed by Eric's example and involvement with Special Olympics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2006, that Eric Olson be, and he is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eric be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Compassion, that he be extended the admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors as he continues to touch others with genuine love and concern, and that he draw encouragement from the knowledge that the world is a better place because he is with us.

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On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE BRIAN DRESS
ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2006 YORK COUNTY OUTSTANDING
YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Brian Dress was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Overall Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Brian Dress epitomizes excellence and outstanding achievement with his numerous accomplishments and superior performance in a wide variety of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Brian's noteworthy academic achievements are evidenced by his 4.1 grade-point average in a demanding load of advanced coursework as a junior at Grafton High School, where he has made Highest Honors every semester thus far, and has been elected into the National and Spanish Honor Societies; and

WHEREAS, Brian's school extracurricular achievements include his musical ability playing trumpet with the Grafton High School Wind Ensemble, his selection for the All-District Concert Band as a freshman and a junior, the All-District Symphonic

Band as a sophomore, and by his athletic ability as a Junior Varsity Soccer player from eighth through tenth grade; and

WHEREAS, Brian's leadership achievements include being named Co-Captain of the Virginia Rush traveling soccer team for the past two years, his extensive participation in Boy Scout Troop 200 where he is currently a Life Scout having completed all merit badge requirements for Eagle Scout, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow scouting honor fraternity, has taught first aid to the younger scouts, and has held numerous positions including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Scribe, Troop Bugler, and Order of the Arrow Representative, and has served as Troop 200's Assistant Patrol Leader during the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill; and

WHEREAS, Brian's service achievements are also noteworthy and include attending Catholic Heart Work Camp for a week last summer in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he and his work crew made repairs on a disabled elderly woman's home, his enrolling for a week this coming summer in the advanced Catholic Heart Camp, working with his church youth group at St. Kateri Tekakwitha providing cleanup of a local woman's home, volunteering with the elderly at the Regency Health Center with the Spanish Honor Society, helping with cleanup of a Scout Camp in Smithfield, working at the 2005 Relay-for-Life in Yorktown with his scout troop, building bat houses to help control mosquitoes around the Grafton High School complex as his Eagle Scout project this year, volunteering at the Saint Paul Soup Kitchen, volunteering at the VA hospital with the National Honor Society, making posters for a Key Club sponsored blood drive, and serving his church by weeding and planting flower beds, mulching, assisting at the talent show/dinner that raised money for school supplies for Haitian children, and playing trumpet in the church youth band; and

WHEREAS, Brian's noteworthy achievements and successes in life are matched by his exemplary character, about which his band director and teacher have commented "Brian is an outstanding young man...diligent in his work...all of Brian's teachers and peers have nothing but the highest regard for Brian," and "Brian has integrity," and "honors his commitments and treats them seriously;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of May 2006, that Brian Dress be, and he is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Overall Achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brian be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Overall Achievement, that he be extended the admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for his notable example to the youth of our community, and that the Board's best wishes go with him as he continues to use his talents and abilities in service to others.

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On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE PAUL
DIORIO ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2006 YORK COUNTY OUT-
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COURAGE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Paul DiOrio was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Courage, a quality widely recognized ever since May 1, 2003, when the then 14-year old freshman at Tabb High School was suddenly diagnosed with advanced thyroid cancer; and

WHEREAS, within days Paul underwent surgery for a complete thyroidectomy, after which he amazingly returned to school within two weeks to make up assignments, his voice a raspy, painful whisper that doctors feared might never heal, while his body began the difficult adjustment to the new thyroid medication he must take for life; and

WHEREAS, after soon receiving more discouraging news that the cancer had spread to his lungs, Paul endured two radioactive iodine treatments that required him to temporarily discontinue his daily thyroid medication, a measure that produced hypothyroidism and left Paul fatigued, depressed, and with an inability to concentrate; and

WHEREAS, each of the iodine treatments caused Paul's body to become radioactive for a week, during which time Paul was isolated in his room battling fear and loneliness while still suffering from hypothyroidism; and

WHEREAS, his Mother's loving nomination matter-of-factly states that "Paul is a fighter and has accomplished much," and the truth of this understatement was seen when Paul decided to combat the depressing news and the boredom of isolation with the renewed pursuit of his cherished goal of becoming an Eagle Scout like his Dad; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this dream Paul still had to complete his Eagle Scout Project creating a bottom contour map of the Harwoods Mill Reservoir and a brochure for Newport News Park detailing types of fish and the rules for catching them; and

WHEREAS, Paul doggedly pushed forward, using email to communicate with park staff when he could not speak, and persevering with the project even though he often could not think clearly; and

WHEREAS, Paul began experiencing breakthroughs, miraculously and thankfully regaining his voice within two months, completing his project so well that the Park still uses his pamphlet, making Eagle Scout less than five months after his diagnosis and thereby joining his Dad and the less than two percent of Boy Scouts nationally who attain this distinction, and pre-planning his school absences so that he never missed an assignment and kept up with his studies throughout those trying times; and

WHEREAS, today Paul's prognosis is good, and though tests have indicated some residual disease, he remains positive and courageous, and has indeed accomplished much, as evidenced by his 3.87 grade point average in advanced coursework, his election to the National, Spanish, and Mu Alpha Theta Honor Societies, his membership on Tabb's Academic Challenge Team, his participation in the Marching, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands, his being named to the All-District Band for trumpet, attending the Governor's School for Science and Technology, completing a mentorship with a local radiation oncologist and presenting his paper at the Virginia Junior Academy of Science where he was awarded second place in the Medicine and Health category, volunteering to support the Relay for Life and his church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, where he also plays the trumpet and serves as an assistant religious education teacher, and receiving the wonderful news of his early acceptance to the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Paul's Mother affirms that "He has demonstrated a maturity and resiliency that belies his years," while his former guidance counselor admiringly speaks of his "composure...calm and assurance," how he is "dependable, tenacious, ambitious, and goal-oriented," and someone who in the very midst of his treatments thought of others rather than himself, who rebounded from setbacks with a sense of humor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2006, that Paul DiOrio be, and he is hereby, congratu-

lated and commended as York County's 2006 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Paul be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Courage, that he be extended the admiration and heartfelt appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for his tremendous inspiration and example to us all, and that the Board's best wishes go with him for a most rewarding and blessed life, and a bright future filled with continued triumph.